

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 436, I was away from the Capitol in my capacity as Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1722, TELEWORK IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2010

Mr. CARDOZA, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-535) on the resolution (H. Res. 1509) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1722) to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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GETTING OUT OF THE SLUMP

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, when will this House leadership take action to get us out of this perpetual economic slump and provide the economic growth that we need to create the jobs that American families need?

Unemployment nationally remains high at 9.5 percent for June, with the U.S. economy losing 125,000 jobs in that month alone. In my area of south Florida, our unemployment rate is steadily increasing to 12.3 percent.

It is time for the administration and the liberal House leadership to take a proven approach of providing tax relief for working families and small businesses while reducing the debt, which is delaying future economic growth.

Lowering the tax burden on small firms, simplifying the Tax Code, that will encourage job creation. I also support extending the \$8,000 first time Homebuyer Tax Credit, which has done so much to help revive our slow housing industry in south Florida.

Let's act now. It is overdue.

CONGRATULATING THE NAACP ON 101 YEARS OF SERVICE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the NAACP, which is holding their 101st convention, or celebrating 101 years, a century of service. I also want to affirm their First Amendment right to

make statements on the policies of groups who advocate for causes that sometimes are colored in race.

The NAACP is a fighter for justice for all people, and I was glad to be there this weekend speaking about issues dealing with the environment, civil justice and the economy.

It is also important to note, Mr. Speaker, that corporations are now showing one of the best quarterly returns that they have ever had. Businesses create jobs, and we have created an economic opportunity for them to do so. But all of the economists are saying they are sitting on their money. They are hoarding their money.

It is time now for us to stand up as Americans and work together to create jobs, just as this government has stimulated the economy by providing stimulus dollars to create thousands and thousands of jobs. Work together, not divide. That is how we will move this economy forward.

Congratulations, NAACP.

POLITICS OF PANIC

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the administration continues its assaultive crusade against the workers in the domestic deepwater drilling industry.

Yesterday, it doubled down its relentless destruction of the gulf coast energy industry by issuing yet another ill-advised moratorium on deepwater drilling. Never mind that two courts have said the first moratorium on drilling was "arbitrary, capricious and wrong."

The Federal Government furnished no credible evidence or specifics that shutting down deepwater drilling was absolutely necessary. Never mind the facts, never mind that the second edict from the administration violates the spirit of the court rulings. Never mind that this job-killing ban is more about the politics of panic than about the safety of offshore drilling.

The administration is intentionally and knowingly destroying domestic energy and making us more dependent on foreign oil. The administration is permanently sinking the jobs of offshore workers, and the President's plan is succeeding. Jobs are being lost, rigs are leaving the gulf to friendlier waters. And why? Who knows.

The second disaster of the gulf is brought to you by this administration and our own Federal Government.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES "BUDDY" KEATON

(Mr. TOWNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy this evening because a very dear friend of mine passed away, Buddy Keaton.

Buddy Keaton has been a real fixture in the Brooklyn community for so many years. Many, many basketball players are in the NBA because of Buddy Keaton. Buddy Keaton was a person that spent a lot of time with young people, helping them to understand how important it is to go straight in life, and also how important it was to really work on your skills. But at the same time, he indicated that they needed to be involved in making certain that their academics were in order.

Buddy Keaton, as a result of his involvement, made it possible for many basketball officials to be able to officiate games. Some have gone on to the NBA and to other places as a result of Buddy Keaton and his involvement.

Buddy Keaton was truly a coalition builder. He was a person that just had a natural flair for saying the right thing at the right time. He knew how to do that.

So I say to the Brooklyn community and to the family of Buddy Keaton, and, of course, to my good friend Hank Carter and to all those who knew him in terms of his work and how hard he has worked on behalf of people, we say to his family, you have our deepest sympathy. If there is anything that we can do, please do not hesitate to reach out.

What a tremendous loss for the Brooklyn community.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw both awareness and support for Therapeutic Recreation Week, which runs from July 11 to July 17. The purpose of recreational therapy is to restore, remediate and rehabilitate, all of which help to improve and maintain the physical, cognitive, social, emotional and spiritual functioning of individuals facing life-changing disease and disability.

This week serves to raise awareness of therapeutic recreation programs, promote these opportunities for those in need, and recognize the dedicated services of certified therapeutic recreation specialists. These specialists are certified by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification and serve a vital role in helping individuals facing disease and disability and helps them to achieve and maintain independence. Their services are both cost-effective and heartfelt.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the caring therapeutic recreation professionals for their selfless efforts to improve the lives of others, and encourage the public to take advantage of the many programs, workshops, presentations, lectures and receptions hosted in recognition of Therapeutic Recreation Week.